

REMARKS

Claim 16 has been amended.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to applicant's undersigned attorney during the telephone interview conducted with the Examiner on November 25, 2009. During the interview, claim 16 was discussed with respect to the objection of certain claim language as not being in correct idiomatic language and with respect to the rejection of the claim under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over the Nakamura, et al. patent (U. S. Patent No. 6,963,374) taken in view of the Anderson patent (U. S. Patent No. 6,847,388) and in further view of the Taniguchi, et al. patent (U. S. Patent No. 5,619,347).

In particular, the Examiner and applicant's undersigned attorney discussed amendments to the following feature of claim 16: "said display device is limited to display the live view image during the integral processing for the second RAW data is finished but the color space conversion processing for the first RAW data is not finished, said display device is allowed to display the live view image in response that the color space conversion processing for the first RAW data is finished after the integral processing for the second RAW data is finished". After some discussion, the following amended claim language was agreed to as overcoming the objection and rejection: --said display device is ~~limited~~ inhibited to display from displaying the live view image during the integral processing for the second RAW data and after the integral processing for the second RAW data is finished but the color space conversion processing for the first RAW data is not finished, said display device is ~~allowed~~ started to display the live view image in response that the color space conversion processing for the first RAW data is finished after the integral processing for the second RAW data is finished--.

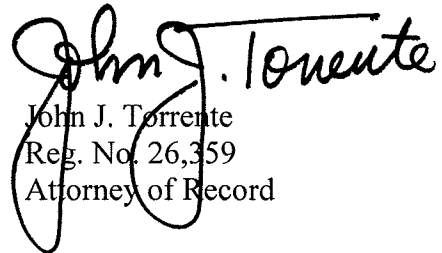
More particularly, this amended feature was not believed to be taught or suggested by the Anderson patent which, as the Examiner pointed out in the Action, “teaches that a live view image is always displayed” (emphasis added). Nor was is believed to be taught or suggested by the cited Nakamura, et al. patent in which the display device is inhibited to display the live view image during IMAGE PROCESSING 1 (Pc in Fig. 8), but such IMAGE PROCESSING 1 (Pc in Fig. 8) finishes before RAW DATA WRITING 2 (Pe), and it is not taught or suggested that the IMAGE PROCESSING 1 (Pc) finishes after RAW DATA WRITING 2 (Pe). Finally, the Taniguchi, et al. et al patent was not cited for teaching or suggesting this feature.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicant’s amended claim 16, and its respective dependent claim 17, are in the correct idiomatic language and patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of same and this application to issue is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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